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## Intimations.

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of reference is now in  
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THE PUBLISHERS,  
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Hongkong.

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leaves Hongkong, on SUNDAY, March 31st  
for WUHOW, via WEST RIVER PORTS,  
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FRIDAY, April 6th.  
The steamer stays long enough at Sam-  
shui and Wuhow for passengers to visit  
the places of interest.  
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Telephone 36,  
Hongkong, March 19, 1907. 523

### NOTICE.

MR HERBERT RICHARD BUDD  
HANKOOK is this day authorized  
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**SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 19, 1907. 203

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Hongkong, February 27, 1907. 379

THE NETHERLANDS LLOYD OF  
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(FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY).  
THE UNDERSIGNED AGENTS for the  
above Company are prepared to  
ACCEPT RISKS at current rates.  
**LUTGENS, EINHORN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1907. 12

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### HOWARD & CO.

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THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing  
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STEPHENS, PAUL TREGILLUS and  
LOUIS VINCENT as Merchants and  
foreign representatives at 50, Queen's  
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, under  
the style of 'HOWARD & CO.' has been  
this day dissolved by mutual consent so far  
as the undersigned LOUIS VINCENT is  
concerned and all interest and responsibility  
of the said LOUIS VINCENT in the  
said business ceases as from and including  
the 18th March instant.  
The business will in future be carried  
on by the undersigned Herbert Stephens  
and Paul Tregillus.  
All debts will be paid and all accounts  
collected by the said Herbert Stephens and  
Paul Tregillus.  
Dated this 18th day of March, 1907.  
(Signed) HERBERT STEPHENS.  
(Signed) PAUL TREGILLUS.  
(Signed) L. VINCENT. 615

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STEEL GIBBES AND TEES.  
CORRUGATED IRON, PIG IRON, &c.  
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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 10 p.m.  
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Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sunday excepted).  
The S.S. POWAN will leave Hongkong every Monday, Wednesday and Friday,  
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A High-class Tourist's Hotel under Amer-  
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Assorted French Cheeses in tins.  
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Reprinted from 'THE CHINA REVIEW.'  
Price 10 Cents.  
For Sale at The 'CHINA MAIL' Office,  
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**NEW CURTAIN MUSLINS**  
LACE and INSERTION  
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**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
Hongkong, March 16, 1907. 2040

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Hongkong, March 2, 1906

SCOTTISH MASONIC QUADRILLE  
ASSOCIATION.  
CALICO FANCY DRESS BALL.  
WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD APRIL, 1907.  
IT is hereby notified for the information  
of Subscribers and Guests, that FANCY  
DRESS is optional for guests. It is hoped  
that Subscribers will attend in FANCY  
DRESS COSTUME. All names of guests  
to be forwarded to the SECRETARY not later  
than the 1st of April.  
J. J. BLAKE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1907. 520

### NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1906,  
£17,837,119 8 1  
—Authorized Capital £3,000,000  
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The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and  
Life Departments are free from liability in  
respect of each other.  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
Agents.  
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### A. LING & CO., FURNITURE STORE HAVE THIS DAY MOVED TO No. 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (KUN AND KOKON). Hongkong, February 1, 1907. 222

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TAILOR, DRAPER AND  
OUTFITTER;  
HAS REMOVED to new premises, 14,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL  
Hongkong, January 26, 1907. 118

### HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM- WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED. (IN LIQUIDATION)

TIME TABLE.  
WEEK DAYS.  
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7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 8.45 p.m. to 11.15  
p.m. every half hour.  
SUNDAYS.  
8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.  
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.  
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Extra Cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.  
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Being in the Business center of the town is the FAVORITE HOTEL with visitors  
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M. KOBAYASHI, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, January 24, 1907.

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MITSUI BISHI GOSHI KWAISHA

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COAL DEPARTMENT

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order for Coals produced from the above

Collieries.

T. MATSUKI, Manager, Hongkong,

No. 2, PRINCE STREET.

Hongkong, April 25, 1906.

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## MORE COSSA K BRUTALITIES

(From Our Very Special Representative.)

Another gallant demonstration of the

Suffragettes took place last night, as usual

outside the House of Commons, which was

marked, again as usual, by methods of

barbarity on the part of the Police force.

For several hours the stern conflict raged,

until the last of the brave sisterhood,

literally borne down by numbers, was

removed pluckily shrieking defiance still to

the portals of the Police outposts, where,

with that callous indifference to the

sufferings and the rights of women which

seems to characterize the behaviour of the

Caligulas in power, they were detained for

nearly half an hour without even being

offered a cup of tea. I have no doubt that

this statement will be denied, but I have it

on the best authority.

Further, one lady, who in the midst had

been deprived of her powderpuff, on

remarking that she intended to step across

the road to buy another, was peremptorily

refused permission. I was fortunately able

to obtain an interview with the victim of the

latest outrage, Mrs. Katarre Snip, of

Peckham. The lady was, naturally, in a

state of nervous prostration at her own

house, where she was undergoing medical

attention for the injuries suffered by her

complexion, but with the heroic resolution

of a fighter for the cause she roused herself

sufficiently to make a statement on being

assured that her confidence would imme-

diately be given the widest publicity.

"When I reached the station," she

said, "to which I was supported by two

co-wives of the law on either side, I

found that my hat had been disarranged,

the feather being crushed and half a yard

of tulle at one end and a yard hope-

lessly ruined, and that the contents of my

reticule had been pilfered. I make

no charge against the police; no doubt

these misguided men, if it is still possible

to call them such, were only doing what

they imagined to be their duty. I also

admit that as the reticule has lost its

contents, if brought into contact with

such an unguisly object as a policeman's

helmet, may possibly fall out. I wish to

be absolutely fair. But what I do com-

plain of is that when the police had an

opportunity of atoning for their brutality

they ruthlessly refused to take it. I was

stepping out of the station when a burly

constable barred the way. I explained

firmly but temperately that I wished to go

to a shop to purchase an article necessary

to my toilet and my personal comfort. His

only reply was to shut the door and put

his back against it. On recovering his

breath after the protestations I felt it my

duty to make to him, he ordered me with

unpleasantness to go away and sit down.

The actual words he used were, to the best

of my recollection, 'You go away and p-

your head in a bag.' The ignorant mon-

was, of course, alluding to my reticule. He

was no doubt state on oath that he was

unaware that at the time he made this

remark it was empty. I believe a question

will be asked with reference to this outrage

in the House to-morrow. I shall, of course,

go to prison," concluded the heroine with

undaunted spirit.

Mr. Katarre Snip, overpowered by the

emotions of the day, had been obliged to

retire to his bedroom, but even there he

found strength to show his sympathy for

the cause by promising ten pounds to the

funds of the agitation for every day his

helpless was torn from the bosom of her

family.

It is these atrocities, before which the

horrors of the Russian capital pale, that

show the wanton inhumanity of our police

methods, and illumine the dauntless spirit

of the heroines of the cause.

To return to the grisly scenes of last

night's battlefield. The ladies had met,

as usual, at the Clarkson Hall, and thence

marched with linked arms through the

streets to continue their agitation in the

lobbies of the House.

The over-awed Cossacks on point duty

held up the traffic in the main thorough-

fares to let them pass, but even so the

march through the streets was not un-

dered by danger. At any moment any

one of the devoted little army might have

skidded on a bit of banana peel. But

not one of them fell out. On arriving

at Palace Yard a living wall of blue was

lined up two deep, blocking their further

progress. Though it was obvious that the

heroines wanted, in pursuance of their

rights as peaceful citizens, to pass into the

House, not a myrmidon moved. They

trembled, but stood fast. The women with

undaunted spirit threw themselves against

this inhuman barrier.

The shambles that ensued made one's

ink run cold. Hats were disarranged,

hair-pins fell clattering to the ground, ex-

cessive force was used to fatten, gloves

were ruined beyond repair, umbrellas sticks

sprung with the sound of pistol shots.

Let us draw a veil over the horrors of this

scene.

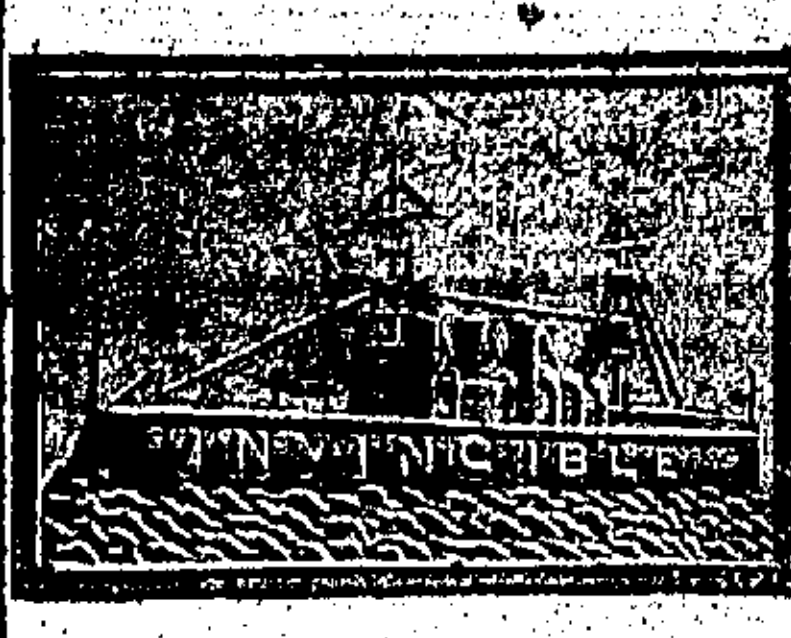
To spare the feelings of my readers and

to safeguard against exaggeration, I shall

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man's nose as she could reach, when the monster did not hesitate to seize her wrists in a constricting and brutal grip.

In another case a merry little Lancashire lass was plucking an elderly assiduously at the obstructive shins, when the vulture actually lifted her up in his arms and carried her like a baby to the police station. Strong men shook with emotion at the sight.

Even their apologists cannot but admit that the Cossacks lost their temper. One burly ruffian was deliberately blocking a lady's path. With cynical brutality he never made any attempt to get out of her way though she ran at him three times with her umbrella.

"How dare you obstruct me!" she remonstrated indignantly. "Can't you see I'm a lady?"

"Then why can't you behave as such?" exclaimed the autocrat as he halted her to the police station, though not even a policeman could pretend that that was the direction in which she wished to proceed.

In the meantime another little band of heroines, led by Mrs. Blitherton, ran round the Abbey and endeavored to reach St. Stephen's entrance across the road. Instantly forces of janissaries started in pursuit. Mrs. Blitherton caught her heel in her skirt and fell to the ground. The police positively raised her by brute force to her feet and removed her from the scene of action.

But outside the porch the most awful scene of all occurred. Unable to dislodge the ladies from the railings by any other methods, a regiment of three mounted troopers charged the women as fast as their horses could walk. They actually rode on to the pavement. No one was safe. At any moment one of the devoted women might have had her tender toes trodden on by the ruthless hoofs of the cavalry. Even the Cossacks themselves turned pale as they watched their horses' round. If anyone had let a mouse loose at that critical moment a panic might have ensued, and no one could have told what would have happened.

As it is, the terrible injuries of the survivors await the ordeal through which the women passed. But the cause goes marching on.

*List of the Victims.*  
Mrs. Blitherton—Shock and contusion on head.  
Mrs. Katarina Smith—Abrasion of the subcutaneous tissue of nasal cartilage.  
Miss Jones—Contusion and partial paralysis of both wrists.

*Casualties among the Cossacks.*  
P.C. No. 321—Jagged wound at back of neck, from which imbedded ferule of lady's umbrella has been removed.  
P.C. 347—Nose scratched.  
P.C. 352—Do. do. (severe).  
P.C. 355—Half moustache removed.  
P.C. 347—Bruised shin.  
P.C. 409—Do. do. with internal injuries.  
P.C. 361—Nervous breakdown.\*  
P.C. 364—Do. do.\*  
P.C. 367—Do. do.\*  
P.C. 368—Internal complications, believed to be due to being forced to swallow half of large astrakhan muff.  
P.C. 323—Contused eye (right).  
P.C. 333—Do. do. (left).  
P.C. 371—Do. do. (both).  
\*Note.—It is believed that these injuries were received subsequent to the fray in the course of domestic explanations in the home circle.—The World.

## A NEW NAME FOR OLD EDIBLE.

A woman reports a new and clever name for a well-known and highly esteemed American dish, says the Washington Post. An Englishman and his wife sat near me at a cafe on the avenue the day before yesterday. I knew they were English, as soon as I saw his coat and hat. Even if I had not seen these two unmistakable English things I should have guessed their nationality from a name they gave to an American dish. The man was ordering luncheon.

"I don't see it on the bill of fare," he said to the waiter, "but bring me some fluted corn if you have it."

"Fluted corn," repeated the waiter in surprise.

"Yes," said the Englishman, "fluted corn."

The waiter still hesitated.

"Why?" went on the Englishman, "don't you have it? The sort of corn you know, that one eats like playing the flute?"

And as a delicate euphemism for corn on the cob I think "fluted corn" can hardly be surpassed.

## THOUGHT IT WOULD CURE HIM.

An American clergyman has had in his employ for so long a time a negro named Julian that the latter has come to regard himself as something of a confidential adviser to the divine.

Early one Sunday-morning the pastor awoke feeling decidedly ill. After a futile attempt at breakfast, he summoned his old and faithful servant, saying:—

"Julian, I want you to go to my assistant, Mr. Blank, and tell him that, as I am unwell, he will officiate for me in this morning's service."

At this Julian demurred, and after some argument, persuaded his master that he would feel better if he officiated as usual. This the latter did, and, as predicted by the dandy, he did return home feeling much better.

"You're better, huh?" asked the servant, meeting his master at the door.

"Very much better, thank you, Julian." The dandy grinned. "What did I tell you, huh? I knowed you'd be all right just as soon as you got that sermon out your system."

## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Alacrity*	despatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Comdr. E. La T. Leatham	Hongkong
Astraea	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Captain S. L. Vaughan Lee	Shanghai
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. Davidson	Yangtze
Britannia	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. Bamber	Yangtze
Cadmus	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. B. L. Majendri	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	338	—	300	—	Hongkong
Chilo	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. D. Wilkin, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut.-Comdr. Hughes	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Capt. Grant Dalton	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. Cox	Wellington
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Henniker Hosken	Wellington
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Wellington
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. De Hovey	Singapore
King Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	30,000	Capt. Cecil F. Thureby, R.N.	Yangtze
Kinsha	river gunboat	618	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. B. Dugmore	Hongkong
Moonth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. A. J. Take	West River
Moorth	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. R. E. Vaughan	Wellington
Other	torpedo boat destroyer	240	6	4300	Lieut.-Comdr. J. Kiddle	Wellington
Prometheus	cruiser	350	6	650	Capt. Woodhouse	Wellington
Ramblie	surveying-vessel	825	8	450	Comdr. E. Moore	Wellington
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. G. O. Walcott	Wellington
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. H. T. Atty	Wellington
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Lyne	Wellington
Spartiate	cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. G. J. Eyre	Wellington
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	4500	Reserve	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4350	—	—	Commodore Williams	Hongkong
Tart	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. E. Secrestan	Wellington
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. West	Wellington
Vingo	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	4300	Lieut.-Comdr. Stevenson	Wellington
Waterwitch	surveying ship	629	—	450	Comdr. R. W. Glennie	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	4500	Lieut.-Com. G. E. L. Thomas	Wellington
Widgeon	river gunboat	165	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Spleer-Simon	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	800	Lieut.-Com. G. W. Wrightson	Upper Yangtze
Woolack	river gunboat	150	2	800	Lieut.-Com. A. F. Ives	Upper Yangtze

\* Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir W. Arthur Moore, Commander-in-Chief.

## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Kaiser Franz Josef	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4309	19	9000	Capt. Ferdinand Bublly	Hongkong
Panthos	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1350	12	6000	Captain E. Koorber	Singapore
Achelon	French armoured cruiser	1738	10	1700	Lieut. Ferret	Halong
Adour	French receiving-ship	3000	—	—	Lieut. Merle	Halong
Alge	French cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Fourrier	Saigon
Alouette	torpedo-boat	123	—	500	Commander Kerhuil	Saigon
Argos	French gunboat	—	—	150	Lieut. Jeannel	Saigon
Arctique	French gunboat	645	10	1000	Lieut. Huet	Saigon
Decidie	French cruiser	11,242	14	20,000	Lieut. L'Eves	Saigon
D'Entrecasteaux	French cruiser	3885	14	6500	Capt. Tracot	Saigon
Duquesne	French cruiser	10,014	18	20,000	Comdr. Amet	Saigon
Dupetit-Thouars	French armoured cruiser	3003	7	6300	Lieut. Coquelin	Saigon
Esturgeon	French destroyer	350	7	300	Lieut. Garreau	Saigon
Franceville	French destroyer	350	7	300	Lieut. Saint-Saine	Saigon
Fronda	French cruiser	9875	18	20,200	Captain Ridelux	Saigon
Guyon	French cruiser	9700	12	13,600	Lieut. Porter	Saigon
Henri Riviere	French gunboat	200	6	300	Lieut. Gifford	Saigon
Jacquin	French gunboat	200	6	300	Comdr. Saget-Darroux	Saigon
Javeline	French destroyer	1250	6	2200	Commander Simon	Saigon
Keraine	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Armbruster	Saigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	13,600	Capt. Martel	Saigon
Mosquet	French destroyer	387	6	800	Lieut. du Chemin	Saigon
Oly	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Grellier	Saigon
Palo	French gunboat	860	7	800	Lieut. La Ruelle	Tongking
Pielot	French torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Raloux	Tongking
Portes	French torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Raloux	Tongking
Rapide	French torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Raloux	Tongking
Reconquiere	French torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Raloux	Tongking
Sabre	French destroyer	1738	10	1700	Lt. Vincent de Brighman	Saigon
Seyr	French gunboat	250	6	300	Reserve	Saigon
Taklong	French gunboat	250	6	300	Lieut. Lehall	Saigon
Taklong	French gunboat	250	6	300	Capt. Dupries	Saigon
Vauban	French destroyer	1150	23	4500	Capt. Terquem	Saigon
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Brugnon	Saigon
Finet Blumarch	German flag-ship	11,000	33	14,000	Captain Wilkens	Kinchin
Ilia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Hilleseum	Tientsin
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Klische	Tientsin
Leipzig	German cruiser	200	—	—	Capt. Willebrandt	Tientsin
Luchs	German cruiser	650	10	1344	Comdr. Bolken	Tientsin
Merve	German gunboat	1009	8	875	Comdr. Leubert	Tientsin
Niebo	German cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Witschel	Tientsin
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.  
Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property  
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sale Room.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 27:—  
Noon—Auction of Triple Expansion Ma-  
rine Engine, at Kwong Sang Loong's  
Boiler Yard, Tel Kok Taul.Noon—Auction of Household Furniture,  
&c., at No. 10, Queen's Garden, Park  
Road.11.30 a.m.—Meeting China Sugar Refin-  
ing Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Math-  
eson & Co.'s Office.12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar  
Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s Office.2.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank  
of China, Ltd., at Co.'s Office.Goods per Siberia undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.TUESDAY, March 26:—  
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-  
niture, at No. 3, Patell Villas, Kow-  
loon.3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold  
Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's  
Sales Rooms.Goods per Delta not cleared at 4 p.m.  
on this date subject to rent.Goods per Sumatra undelivered after 4  
p.m. this date will be landed.FRIDAY, March 29:—  
Goods per Benvenue undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.SATURDAY, March 30:—  
Transfer Books of China Traders' In-  
surance Co., Ltd., close from this date to  
13th April inclusive.MONDAY, April 1:—  
Goods per Polynesia undelivered after  
this date at Noon will be subject to  
rent and landing charges.TUESDAY, April 2:—  
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire  
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s Office.3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Properties  
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's  
Cathedral.WEDNESDAY, April 3:—  
11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Ce-  
ment Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.Transfer Books of Union Insurance So-  
ciety of Canton, Ltd., close from this  
date to 13th April, inclusive.THURSDAY, April 4:—  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice  
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson  
& Co.'s Office.FRIDAY, April 5:—  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,  
at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s  
Office.SATURDAY, April 6:—  
7.45 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Hongkong  
Football Club, at Hongkong Hotel.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1907.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

In a few days the representatives of the self-governing Colonies meet Lord Elgin in London. In many ways it is a pity that the Crown Colonies cannot have gentlemen who are conversant with their requirements to speak for them at this important conference. There are many things which, without any disrespect to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, we think Crown Colonists could well express their views upon. The Natal and Newfoundland incidents have shown that even self-governing Colonies with representatives in London find that the Juggernaut of Imperial policy—when guided by a Liberal Government—passes callously over all that they hold most dear. New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia found that the government of the New Hebrides, in which they are both deeply interested, was arranged between the British Colonial Office and France without any sort of reference to them. These things show that there is distinct need for a conference such as that which is shortly to meet. They also show how helpless are the Crown Colonies. No man in his senses could doubt that Lord Elgin is honestly and honourably doing the best for the outlying dominions of his King. But unfortunately he has encompassing him the traditions of his party, a party which even yet has not quite abandoned the belief that the best thing for Great Britain would be the dropping off of the Colonies. That sentiment in its crude form would hardly be voiced now-a-days even by the most daring Little Englander, but all though unexpressed it makes its influence felt. But we can only accept things as they are, and although it will be many years probably before we have any real voice in our own government we may very properly take an intelligent interest in matters which concern our brethren in the larger Colonies who have the privilege of selecting

their own Governments. Australia is bringing forward one particularly important matter at the Colonial Conference. Mr Deakin, the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, is to propose the establishment of a permanent Imperial Council, including amongst its members *ex officio* Ministers of the Colonies, which should be kept in touch with questions affecting the dependencies, thus maintaining continuity of information. The particulars of any questions to be brought forward would be forwarded to the Prime Ministers of the various self-governing Colonies. He will also propose that there should be a permanent secretarial staff, the expenses to be paid on a population basis. The Commonwealth is also of opinion that the principle of preferential trade should be reaffirmed so that preferences granted to Great Britain should also be granted to other parts of the Empire. Also it will be proposed that there should be a final court of appeal for the Empire in substitution for the House of Lords and the Judicial Committees of the Privy Council. These proposals all merit consideration. The permanent Imperial Council, if it is established, will prevent the recurrence of the dangerous disputes which have imperilled the relations of the Motherland and the Colonies recently. Every patriotic Briton will wish the Conference well and hope that its labours will make for permanent harmony within the Empire.

A large number of people who witnessed the Volunteer Inspection on Saturday last were agreeably surprised at the workmanlike appearance presented by the Corps, the large turnout, and by the manner in which the various evolutions were carried out. The Mounted Troop, in particular, elicited admiration. The ponies gave evidence of being exceedingly well-trained and their riders handled them well. The march past—the saluting base, where His Excellency Major General Broadwood stood, was well done, the Artillery Corps with the maxim guns making a good showing. This branch exhibited considerable skill in handling the maxims. They wheeled them round smartly, brought them into action with celerity, took the wheels off and mounted the gun on its tripod, replaced the wheels, limbered up, and dashed away again like unto the manner born. They went through these manoeuvres several times, giving a practical demonstration of their knowledge. The day was a close, muggy one, and the Volunteers felt it, but while on parade it apparently affected them a little. The General took a keen interest in the work and afterwards congratulated the Corps. His praise was not profuse, however. What he had seen was creditable, he said, but he is waiting until he sees the men in the field alongside of the regulars before he begins to criticise them. On the whole the inspection was extremely satisfactory and the large attendance at Causeway Bay must have been flattering to the officers and the men in the ranks.

Admiral Li has been laying his views about the inefficiency of the present arrangements for the effectual policing of the waters of the delta of the Canton River before the Viceroy. The criticism is sure enough and has pierced the defects of the present measures, which, though they may have been possessed of virtue ages ago, are comparatively valueless to-day. The present guard-boats are condemned from keel to truck and every part of their fighting equipment is also effectually measured up and described as worthless. Everybody who knows these boats is aware that they are almost as useless for the purpose which they are supposed to serve as a duck would be for swimming were it robbed of its webbed feet. What the critic suggests is that the whole of the antiquated boats be done away with and that instead there be supplied a small number of swiftly moving steam pinnaces. These would be a much better means of defence than what is now relied upon. Of course the trouble is funds. The Viceroy listened in a friendly spirit to the criticism and appreciated the good that would follow were these improvements effected. Others, too, who frequent and get their

living upon the waters of the delta, would rejoice to see something done, but for the hour it appears money is needed for many things, and as money does not come into the coffers of the Provincial Treasury upon the waving of a wand, the workers in the delta are likely to see many moons pass away before an adequate police force guards the waters.

A correspondent writes us on the publication of the Observatory Commission's report and we have much pleasure in giving his remarks. He says: The belated report of the typhoon inquiry which appears in the *Government Gazette* is somewhat interesting in view of the divergent statements made by the few witnesses who appeared before the Committee. Captain Roach of the s.s. "Haitan" was at Swatow on the morning of the typhoon, and his barometer gave no warning. Captain Hodgins, of the s.s. "Haiching," left Swatow the previous day, presumably the evening, knew of the typhoon and advised a friend to be on his guard. Captain Outerbridge maintained that warning could have been hoisted at 6 a.m. on the morning of the typhoon, and Captain Unsworth agrees with him. However Captain Outerbridge did not consider it sufficiently important to leave the shore for his steamer until 8.45 a.m. On the other hand we have Lieutenant Butterworth at 8 a.m. ordering his skiff to be alongside the "Tamar" at 8.30, and that torpedo boat No. 38 was alongside the "Tamar" at 8.5 a.m. under orders to proceed to D'Agular telegraph station. Monsieur Liebert, the French Consul, felt on Sunday the 16th we were going to have a typhoon, and that from that day the sky was grey with thick cloud in the West. The Observatory on the same date at 4 p.m. observed blue sky without cloud. As an observer in a small way I can assure Monsieur Liebert that the Observatory record is correct, but the exceptional clearness of the sky led me believe that a disturbance was probable. Even on the 17th Monsieur Liebert is wrong in stating that we had thick cloud in the West, as a matter of fact, although I see no statement by the Observatory regarding cloud on that date, the day was cloudy but not what would be called thick cloud, nor of that formation which generally precedes a storm. I might go further and state that even up to 7.30 a.m. on the 18th there was no cloud indication that a typhoon was close upon us. I notice that Mr. Dobereck prefers to call the storm a tornado. Call it any name you like, it certainly was a different class of storm to that which we are accustomed to in these waters, and from the evidence at the disposal of the Committee it appears that the Observatory could not have given earlier warning.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The English mail of the 23rd February was delivered in London on the 23rd instant.

The gentry at Paoing are proposing to start a Municipal Council there, following the example of the Chinese Municipal Council at Shanghai.

Grand Secretary Lu Chuan-lin, together with Peking officials that are natives of Chihli, Shantung and Kiangsu, has issued a joint memorial for permission to build the Tientsin-Chinking Railway.

Owing to the enormous expense of carrying out the reform of administration as well as improving educational and police affairs in Chihli Province, Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai has asked for Imperial instructions as to which of them should be carried out first.

A Well-merited Fine.

Tam To was on the look-out for some cheap meat, but the vigilance of watchmen was too much for him. Knowing that diseased cattle, unfit for consumption, were usually buried in a piece of land at Hungshui he watched his opportunity to secure a fine pig which had been buried. Three hours after the interment Tam To, armed with digging implements, started operations, but he was caught in the act and was marched away to the Magistracy, where he was charged with "trespassing on Crown land." Mr. Hazeldan imposed the maximum penalty, viz. \$100.

SUDDEN ATTACK OF DYSENTERY CURED.

A prominent lady of Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A., writes to inquire where she can obtain Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. She says: "While stopping at a ranch in South Dakota I was taken ill of what seemed to be cholera. They gave me some of this medicine and it cured me. I brought a bottle home and have just used the last of it to-day." For sale by all chemists, and every

BY TELEGRAPH.

CHINA'S TRIBULATIONS.

Famine And Plague.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 25.

Plague has broken out in the famine-stricken district of Suchien, Kiangsu. Hundreds are perishing daily.

RIOTING IN THE  
PROVINCES.

Troops Requisitioned.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 25.

Troubles which were created by the boatmen at Yuyaochen have developed into riot and the city is threatened.

The Magistrate has wired to the Governor for troops.

Riots have also broken out at Fengwangshan owing to dissatisfaction regarding the manner in which the authorities have dealt with certain lands.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A theatrical troupe known as the Zig-zags is now on its way to Hongkong from Bangkok. The company consists of clowns, musical artists, dancers, strong men, etc., and the advance agent promises a good entertainment.

Chau Pik, the Minister who was sent from Peking to inquire into the currency question at Canton, arrived in the Colony to-day. He has been to Canton and is now on his way north. What Chau thinks of subsidiary coin has not yet been divulged.

The Volunteer Sergeants' Mess had a jolly time on Saturday evening when they entertained the Royal Garrison Artillery Sergeants' Mess. Most of the Volunteer officers, including Major Chapman, attended and a progressive whist drive and billiard tournament—Volunteers v. R.G.A.—were contested. The visitors came out on top in the whist drive but the Volunteers reversed the positions when it came to billiards. The toast of the R.G.A. Sergeants' Mess, proposed by Sergt-Major Higby, was replied to by Master-Gunner Torr, and Major Chapman replied to the toast of the Volunteer officers, also proposed by Sergt-Major Higby.

According to the Birmingham Post, Mr. Balfour has consented to preside at the great Unionist banquet which, under the auspices of the "1900 Club," is to be given to the Colonial Premiers at the Albert Hall in April. It is seldom the Albert Hall is selected for a banquet, but the large numbers of Unionists, both Peers and Commons, who are expected to be present, fully warrant this unusual step being taken. It may be questioned whether any entertainment remotely approaching this in importance will be organised by supporters of the Government, who apparently are very timid of encouraging the Premiers to make more public utterances than may be absolutely necessary during their stay in this country.

The Portuguese community has sustained a great loss in the demise of Dr. Francisco de Paula Soares, who passed away at his residence "Villa Branca," Robinson Road, on Saturday evening. The deceased was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Portuguese resident in the Colony, at the time of his death being 83. Dr. Soares was born in Macao and his long life has been spent in administering to the wants of his countrymen, both as a pharmacist and later on as a surgeon. In his young days Dr. Soares volunteered for service under Colonel Mesquita, to defend Macao from a contemplated invasion by the Chinese and was among those stationed in the "Passado Port." From Dr. Watson, an English physician practising in Macao, Dr. Soares learnt much appertaining to surgery and by the time Dr. Watson retired Dr. Soares was quite competent to take up his master's practice. His speciality was the treatment of the complaints of children and his unceasing attention and genial manner made him beloved by the youngsters, and he gained the name of the "Children's Doctor." He established the Oriental Dispensary in Hongkong after having become qualified to practice medicine here, and he devoted a great deal of his time to administering to the poor. During the plague epidemic he worked hard and gained many friends by his energy. He died comparatively poor, but during his lifetime he did not labour for the sake of making money, but for the joy of alleviating the troubles of his fellow men.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## THE TRANSVAAL.

## Chinese Labour Problem.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, March 23.

Prior to the adjournment of the Transvaal Parliament, which sits at Pretoria, the Progressive party urged the Government to appoint a Commission of Enquiry into the Chinese Labour problem.

The Attorney General (Mr J. C. Smuts), speaking for the Government, refused the request and declared that the Government intended to faithfully fulfil their pledge to solve the labour question.

## The Speaker Elected.

At the last moment the Het Volk party proposed Mr Beyers (an ardent Boer and member for the Turrfontein district) as Speaker.

On the proposal being put to the House Mr Beyers was elected by 43 votes to 22.

## UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

## Oxford Defeats Cambridge.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, March 23.

The annual sports meeting between the Oxford and Cambridge Universities has resulted in a victory for Oxford by 84 points to 14.

Last year Oxford also proved victorious, winning the following events:—Half-mile, three miles, 440 yards, long jump, high jump, 120 yards hurdles and hammer throwing. Cambridge won the 100 yards, the mile and the weight putting.—Ed., O. M.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, March 22.

The House of Commons adjourned at 5.37, after a twenty-seven hour sitting, a record since the "Parnell sitting."

## EGYPT.

## Increasing Reservoir.

London, March 22.

News from Cairo says that owing to the lack of a suitable site for another large reservoir, it has been decided to raise the Assuan dam seven metres, at a cost of £1,500,000, to be completed in 1913. The addition will irrigate a million more acres, increasing the cotton crop by 24,000,000 per annum.

The addition will involve the further submerging of the Temple of Philae and other monuments.

## HOME RACING.

## The Grand National.

London, March 22.

Evening started at 8 to 1, Tom West at 100 to 6, and Potlander at 50 to 1. There were twenty-three starters. The winner won by six lengths, Potlander being a bad third.

## THE MONEY MARKET.

## A Disquieting Rise.

London, March 22.

The rise in the French bank rate has surprised and disquieted the Stock Exchange and is interpreted as an indication that money will continue to be dear for a long time.

## NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS.

London, March 22.

American Marines have been ordered to Trujillo, La Cabaña, and Puerto Cortes, in Honduras, to protect American interests in view of the continued heavy fighting between the Nicaraguans and the Hondurans.

## THE WHITELY MURDER.

London, March 23.

A verdict of wilful murder has been given against Rayner, and the sentence of death passed.

## THE TRANSVAAL.

## Asiatic Ordinance Passed.

London, March 23.

The Transvaal Council has passed the Asiatic Bill. Lord Selborne reserves the King's approval. The Assembly has adjourned to the 14th June.

## THE UNITED STATES AS

## PEACE-MAKER.

London, March 23.

Mr Root has received the Nicaraguan and Costa Rican Ministers and impressed upon them the necessity for ending the war with Honduras, otherwise all Central America will be involved, and European intervention possible.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

## Land Investment Co.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, was held at 11 a.m. Hon Mr W. J. Gresson was in the chair and there were also present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs N. A. Sieba, D. M. Nissim, A. Haupt, H. P. White, A. J. Raymond, J. Orange, T. F. Hough, C. W. May, H. Percy Smith, F. M. Grace, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, Ng Tak Shong, Mowbray S. Northcote and A. Shelton Hooper (secretary).

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr J. Orange proposed the first resolution as follows:—

"That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association viz:—

(a) That line one and line two of Article No. 53 be eliminated except the last five words at the end of line two and that the words 'The Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead.

(b) That the words 'person for the time being in charge of the business of' be inserted between the words 'Manager' and the words 'or Agent' in the 3rd line of Article No. 53.

(c) That the following new Article be inserted between Articles 68 and 69:—

68A. 'The Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold office until the Company in pursuance of Clause I of the Memorandum of Association and of these Articles appoints some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead.

(d) That line one and line two of Article No. 69 be eliminated except the last 6 words at the end of line 2 and the words 'The Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead, and that the words 'Senior Representative' in line 6 of Article No. 69 be eliminated and the words 'Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead.

(e) That the word 'the' in the 2nd line of Article No. 75 be eliminated and the word 'or' inserted at the end of the word 'Directors' in the second line of Article No. 75.

(f) That at the end of Article No. 77 the following words be added: 'Provided that the Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold office until the Company in pursuance of Clause I of the Memorandum of Association and of these Articles appoints some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead.

(g) That the words 'or the Corporation' be inserted between the words 'he' and the word 'cease' in s.s. 5 of Article No. 81 and between the word 'he' and the word 'become' in line 1 of s. 6 of Article No. 81.

(h) That the words 'and (so long as the Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company) other than a Managing Director' be inserted between the words 'Permanent Director' or 'or' and the word 'before' in the 3rd line of Article No. 82.

Mr Hough seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr Smith proposed the second resolution as follows:—

"That the above Resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

Mr Ho Fook seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman—Thank you for your attendance, gentlemen.

## Land Reclamation Company.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Company, Limited, was held at 11.15 a.m. Hon Mr W. J. Gresson was in the chair and there were also present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs D.M. Nissim, A. J. Raymond, C. H. Ross, J. Orange, H. P. Smith, C. P. Chater, E. Shellin, F. M. Grace, H. N. Mody, J. C. Pater, E. J. Hughes, A. Shelton Hooper, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, M. S. Northcote (secretary).

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr Shellin proposed the first resolution as follows:—

"That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—

(a) That line one and two of Article No. 55 be eliminated except the last five words at the end of line two and that the words 'The Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead and that the words 'Senior Representative' in line 6 of Article No. 55 be eliminated and the words 'Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong' be inserted instead.

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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## Annual Inspection.

The annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps by His Excellency Major-General R. G. Broadwood, C.B., commanding the troops in South China, took place on Saturday afternoon at Causeway Bay. The Volunteer Artillery Corps mustered on the Volunteer parade ground at 3.45, under the command of Major A. Chapman, Acting Commandant of the Corps. There were twelve machine-gun detachments and an Infantry Corps.

In all there were 226 men present composed as follows:—Artillery Corps, 137, Engineers 36, Troop 28 and Staff 5. The officers present were:—Major A. Chapman, Captains A. J. Thomson (R. G. A.), D. McDonald, G. P. Lamont, J. H. W. Armstrong, T. Skinner and W. A. Crake, Lieutenants W. Nicholson, M. S. Northcote, J. A. T. Plummer, H. W. Kennett, E. D. Wolfe, J. S. Gubbay, J. T. Haydon, C. H. Ross and C. F. Forsyth (Surgeon). Headed by the band of the Third Middlesex Regiment the Volunteers marched to Causeway Bay, via Garden Road; Queen's Road; Arsenal Street and the Praya Street, and met the Hongkong Volunteer Mounted Troop at the ground, where, by the way, there was a large number of residents and Chinese awaiting for the inspection.

His Excellency Major-General Broadwood, accompanied by his A.D.C., arrived on the ground promptly to time and inspected the men, after which the entire body, headed by the Mounted Troop, marched past the saluting base. After one or two similar evolutions the guns were brought into action and for close upon an hour the men were kept hard at work, advancing, retreating, etc. It was something of a surprise to most of the Volunteers, who expected nothing more than the usual formalities connected with an inspection, viz., simply marching past the saluting base and going through one or two manoeuvres with the guns.

At the conclusion the Artillery detachments were formed up facing the General and his suite, with the Mounted Troop at right angles to them on the right and the Infantry Company at right angles on the left, forming as it were three sides of a square, the General's party occupying the fourth side. Then Major-General Broadwood addressed the men. He complimented them briefly on their smart appearance, but regretted that he had not had much opportunity of seeing them at work in the field. He hoped, however, to see them at work later on. Referring to the manoeuvres which recently took place His Excellency pointed out that as they were upon a small scale he could not avail himself of the Volunteers and he expressed the hope of being able to employ them next year.

This remark brought a smile to the faces of some of the Volunteers, who have a lively recollection of the last time they were engaged with the regular troops, when a bitterly cold night was spent on the heights of Wong-nei-chong.

Continuing, His Excellency the Major General dealt with volunteering in general, remarking that everybody, civilian or soldier, who took any interest in Imperial matters recognised that no nation could be entirely independent of volunteering. Arbitration and diplomacy might do much towards conciliating nations but arbitration was useless unless in the background there was a force—trained force. The Hongkong Volunteers by their display that day had shown that they had devoted a great deal of time to learn soldiery, even though they were fully occupied with their ordinary work.

The men marched back to headquarters, taking the guns with them, and arrived there somewhere about 7 p.m. Major Chapman, before dismissing them, commented upon the turnout, which he thought was most creditable. The demeanour of the men on parade also called forth a comment from the Major, who remarked that the had never before seen Volunteers so steady on parade. He was sorry that one or two had not turned out.

## FOOTBALL.

## There was little doing in sporting circles on Saturday afternoon, owing to the inspection of the Volunteer Corps taking place. Only one football match was played—Hongkong Club v. Y.M.C.A.—and both teams were without the services of some of their best players. The Club were without W. H. Williams, E. Humphreys, G. E. Morrell, F. E. Aucott and H. C. Gray, and the Y.M.C.A. were without J. McCubbin, E. Coyne, C. O. Hickling and P. Carey. As a consequence the match was not a good one and the Club won by four goals to two. Western (3) and Miller (1) scored for the Club, and Platt and Le Gros one each scored for the Y.M.C.A.

## A HOME MATCH.

At Rugby Scotland beat England by eight points to three.

England three times; Scotland six; down two.

At Association Football Scotland beat Ireland by three goals to none.

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## SPORTING.

## Yachting.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Yesterday the tenth Club Race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed under conditions that were again disappointing. The wind first set in from the north-east very lightly, ultimately it veered to the east, and later came up from the south-west. Calms were frequent, and to get a substantial lead did not profit any particular boat. To use an Irishman the races were not won until they were finished. The course was a had one for the conditions prevailing at this time of the year, being from the Police Pier at Kowloon, round Channel Rocks, to the north of Stonecutters' Island, and round a mark off Chungking Island.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.—Variable southerly winds prevailed when Dione and Vernon started in this race. Vernon got the best of the start by holding the windward position and established a slight lead which she held to the Channel Rocks. After rounding, spinners were set and the wind being very variable Dione ran into a calm. Vernon followed a good wind soon established a considerable lead and reached Tsim-tai-tai Point about ten minutes ahead of Dione. After rounding the point she ran into a calm where she stayed until Dione picked her up, and the latter keeping nearer the shore found the wind there, and gradually drew ahead, passing the east point of Stonecutters about a minute ahead of Vernon. Some tricky sailing here ensued and Vernon keeping towards the island close inshore picked up a southerly breeze and again slipped past Dione. As soon as Stonecutters was passed a fine south-westerly was met and both boats bowed away towards the mark off Chungking, and Vernon rounded slightly ahead of Dione. It was now a close tuck homeward in a fairly strong breeze. Vernon outstripped Dione established a comfortable lead and when off Yum-tai the boats split tacks, Vernon going about on the port tack and Dione standing on the starboard tack. The wind failed Vernon, and Dione, by a great stroke of luck, picked up an off-shore wind, and, sailing very fast, soon was the leading boat, but the wind being very variable it was still a question of who would cross the line first. However Vernon got left in light air and calms after a somewhat exciting race Dione crept over the line just ahead of Vernon, thus securing the championship of the season, Vernon taking second prize, and Maudie, who has not sailed in the last two races, scoring the third place.

## MATCHES AND FIRES.

## Who bears the Loss?

The Kung Tat firm built a matchbox (No. 1) for a Chinaman at Mongkok and Nam Din, an Indian contractor, hired them to build one for him near by. Nam Din already had a matchbox (No. 1) close to the other. After the third matchbox was built Nam Din went into possession of it, and while in possession a fire broke out in the old matchbox (No. 1) occupied by Nam Din and spread to the new one (No. 3) it being destroyed. By this time the Chinaman's lease for the other matchbox (No. 2) had expired and he went out. Nam Din then took possession of it without plaintiffs' authority and when plaintiffs' men came to remove the matchbox defendant drove them away. That was the story told by Mr R. A. Harding, to the Plaintiff Judge (Mr A. G. Wise) this afternoon at the Summary Court, when he appeared on behalf of the Kung Tat firm. The latter's claim was as follows:—\$44.80, rent of new matchbox (No. 3) for 4 months; \$120, value of materials destroyed by fire; and \$20 for use and occupation of No. 2 matchbox (that formerly occupied by the Chinaman, which defendant took forcible possession of). Plaintiffs made a complaint to the police court but were advised by the Inspector to bring the present action.

Evidence was called and plaintiff stated that in the event of fire defendant had agreed to pay \$120.

The Plaintiff Judge—How are you to succeed, it is a verbal arrangement—one man's word against another's?

Mr Harding—I have other witnesses who were present when the arrangement was made.

Later on it was pointed out that the fire broke out in No. 1 and spread to No. 3. The Plaintiff Judge—You must have direct origin—No. 1 has nothing to do with it.

Mr Harding—Our place has been burned down and we ask for its value.

The Plaintiff Judge—You must have a policy; you cannot arrange between yourselves in this way. In the first place you are up against the Insurance Companies' Act. If you are going to have verbal agreements, they would each burn the other's house down. The place would be in ruins in a week.

Further evidence was led and the Plaintiff Judge remarked—The fire thing is absurd. It is the most absurd thing I ever came across to set up a verbal agreement without any clear that it is not illegal. With regard to the \$44.80 I do not think the agreement is proved. An agreement for rent has to be proved conclusively; it should be in writing. Now, with regard to the \$20 I am against you at present, but if you like I will adjourn to find out who is in occupation and if he is in occupation I will hear what you have to say.

The case was adjourned until Thursday.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE AT SHANGHAI.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—I am not aware who your correspondent at Shanghai is, but I certainly think that the statements he made in his letter to you, dated February 28, regarding the Public School for Chinese in Shanghai, should not be allowed to pass without comment. I have never come across so many wilful misstatements in a single paragraph. There may be some difference of opinion among the ratepayers as to the necessity for a school of this kind—there was when the proposal to start it was first mooted. But it is rather wide of the mark to say that the promoters of the school did not take the trouble to ascertain whether their native friends were as enthusiastic over the project as they were themselves, when no less than Taels 37,000 was subscribed by the local gentry for the erection of the school buildings. There have been two head-masters since the school was started, and it is true that they were unsatisfactory. But the present head-master, Mr G. S. F. Kemp, has been a master at the school ever since it was opened, and it was not anything to do with the question of salary. It is also true that the fees have been considerably reduced since the school was opened, but it was not with any idea of "undercutting" missionary schools, but because the original fees were found to be too high for the classes it was intended to reach. It is absolutely false to say that the reduction of fees brought the number of scholars up to 200, "but the little boom soon collapsed and now the number of scholars is very far below this record." At the end of November last there were 248 scholars on the register, and last week the average daily attendance was close on 300. It remains to be seen whether there will be any discussion concerning the school at the ratepayers' meeting, but if there is it will not be on the grounds alleged by your correspondent. Any public institution is liable to criticism, and so long as critics confine themselves to facts no one can raise any objection. But I think that absolutely unfounded charges, such as those brought by your correspondent, should not be allowed to pass unnoticed or unrefuted, as they are calculated to convey an absolutely erroneous impression to those who read them.

I enclose my card.

Yours &c.,  
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## "FRAUD AND SWINDLE."

A Case Struck Out.

The Plaintiff Judge (His Honour Mr A. G. Wise) dealt summarily with a case this afternoon, Wong Tsoi sued Lung Kwan Shing for \$703.50 due on a promissory note for \$700. Mr O. D. Thomson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr P. W. Goldring for the defendant.

In putting his case before the Court Mr Thomson remarked that it was a peculiar case.

The Plaintiff Judge—Yes. They will all be in goal in ten days or so.

Then, turning to Mr Goldring, the Plaintiff Judge asked—Do you want to say anything about costs; you think you should get them?











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